

We've hit 6 months!
I'm so proud, thank you.
The pager/walkie-talkie
explosions, presumed by Israel,
are devastating, concerning,
and unsurprising. Israel have
remotely exploded personal
devices as assassination
weapons as early as 1996.
See last month's Zionism
Special for a glimpse into how
Israel got here.

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ECHOES IN OUR TIME

FOLKTALES & VERSE

A zine by Rowan Prescott Hedley



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HOW TO FOLD & READ THIS ZINE



This zine is designed to be printed double sided on one sheet of A4.

Start by folding 8 equal rectangles, 2x4, so that all the folds bend happily both ways.

Fold along the middle short fold and cut from the centre, half way down so that you meet the next short folds.

Open this out all the way and bend the 2 end folds and 2 middle folds in the same direction so you are left with a square shaped space.

Squash this square so you have a cross then squash the cross so it folds together like a book with page 1 as the front page. Do the same from the other side to read the rest!

Blodeuwedd had magic humming
within her. She'd been made
human from the flowers that grew
throughout the land she now
stewarded, and whose roots
formed the earth itself. Together
with her husband Lleu Llaw
Gyffes, whose name reflected the
light which emanated from him,
they ruled court bringing love and
life, as does the new spring.
Sadly, yet inevitably, this couldn't
last. Once Lleu had left
for business and his light no
longer reached Blodeuwedd, she

Hailing from Wales & The Mabinogion!

The Seasons of Blodeuwedd

FOLK STORY

transformed into an owl and flew off to inhabit the night until she was ready to feel the bright sunlight once again.

Lleu demanded retribution on Gronw. Gronw acquiesced but requested a large stone be placed between them. He needn't've; Lleu threw the spear so hard it went clean through the stone and instantly killed Gronw.

Lleu ascended the throne of Gwynedd. Blodeuwedd spent her season of darkness and mourning soaring the skies.

Inspired by Joanna van der Hoeven's analysis in 'Women of the Mabinogion'.

In order to ensure their union,
Blodeuwedd and Gronw decided
Lleu's life must end, however this
was easier said than done. Lleu
could only be killed at dusk, in a
place not solely inside or out, by
a riverbank, with one foot on a
goat, and with a spear forged
during Sunday Mass for a year.
So, once Lleu returned,
Blodeuwedd and Gronw
executed their plan; when Lleu

met Gronw Febr, a local Lord,
and laid with him until they were
married. Blodeuwedd had tied
herself to one associated with the
darkness, as the hedgehog courts
eternal night in the season of
winter.

was in place Gronw emerged
from his hiding place and threw
the spear, injuring Lleu. Little did
the pair know that Lleu would not
die that night, his uncle Gwydion
appeared by his side and
transformed him into an eagle,
saving his life.

Blodeuwedd and Gronw returned
to court. Unbeknownst to them
Gwydion raced to Lleu's side and
nursed him until he was well,
returning him to his human form
and, soon, returning him to court
too.

The moment Blodeuwedd felt
Lleu's light upon her once again
she knew it was too soon for her
to return to spring. She

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and will again, I'm absolutely sure she is the one I didn't know I wanted
 And couldn't have had, even if I had noticed I hope she knows that if she ever needed I'd be a safe haven for her, in whatever form or capacity she wanted Warts and all, full fat and frank, bloodied and wounded.

Because for me she's worth it. She was my best friend. I wish I knew her as well now as I did then.

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I want to be wherever she is, with all her chin hairs She's funny, when she means to be and when she doesn't even try She's so smart she runs rings round everyone I've ever seen her defy

She's warm and brash and always told me the truth On many occasions when it wasn't what I'd have liked her to do

She's abandoned me, completely, and I have her. We've come through both

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Once she was no longer physically at my side Love lost before discovering it was love must be the hardest kind.

She was everything, always Until she wasn't.

She's still magnificent but I worry no-one in her life now tells her it. She should be told every day.

She is bright, she is dim She thinks the hairs on her chin aren't supposed to be there

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I met her before I knew what 'meeting people' meant. One day she wasn't there The next, she was the reason I was happy to return again

She crept up on me, not literally She couldn't creep up on anyone even if she really tried

Despite her diminutive size I mean, I only noticed the space she occupied

Loving in Autumn

ORIGINAL POEM

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THE B - SIDE

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SPOTLIGHT

TW: Rape This month has seen Gisèle Pélicot hold her head high at every public stage of the court case against her husband and 50 other men accused of raping her over the course of 10 years in which her husband drugged her to do so. Usually we would promote naming the accused as well rather than only humiliating the woman seeking justice, however Gisele's conduct has inspired protests across France against systemic sexism, chanting 'the shame must change sides'. Read my article for some insight on the seemingly insignificant beginnings of such violent rape culture.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

'Burnout: Solve Your Stress Cycle' by Emily and Amelia Nagoski – Enlightenment on the somatic world of stress and recovery. Framed specifically in the toil of sexism on the body and mind, this book details how to complete the stress cycles which otherwise build up within us.

Extraordinary Attorney Woo – Gorgeous Korean TV show centred on an autistic rookie attorney who loves whales and is great at her job when people around her allow space for her needs. Funny, insightful, poignant, and a little romantic.

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OTHER THOUGHTS & HELPFUL INFO



Local libraries: vital community spaces of knowledge and support. Use them when you can!

QueerAF: an online journalism network platforming queer creatives and changing media.



Jessamyn Stanley: fat, black, and accessible yoga - The Underbelly.



BreakThrough News: platforming poor, working-class communities and social justice movements.

Good Law Project: using law to make a fairer and greener UK.



Disability Rights UK: disabled collective who influence positive national change.



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